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1. Alicia de la Pena, member of the Executive Committee of the Argentine Communist Party (CPA) who recently returned to Argentina from an extended trip to Moscow, Peking, and other cities behind the Iron Curtain, has been expected to supply new instructions to the CPA. Upon her return, the CPA's Executive Committee called a meeting on 20 January 1950 which was attended by all of its officials.
2. Communist circles in Argentina believe that the CPA will convoke its Twelfth National Congress in accordance with instructions brought back by Pena. Although CPA statutes call for such a congress every two years, the last national congress was held in September 1946. A national congress had not been called earlier for the following reasons:
 - a. The open conflict which exists between the Victorio Codovilla-Rodolfo Ghioldi group and the numerous Communists who were expelled from the Party after the last congress. The latter have since set up a dissident movement headed by Aurelio A. Bracco and Rodolfo Puiggros.
 - b. The CPA's fear that it will suffer a fate similar to that of the Union Eslava which was dissolved by the Argentine government after a riotous session broke out just prior to the opening of its Third Congress.
3. It is expected that the CPA will be purged of many Slavs and intellectuals and that it will refrain from making direct attacks against President and Sra. Peron in order to safeguard itself against punitive measures and possible outlawing.
4. Dr. Everardo Power, who in recent years has been a member of the CPA's Buenos Aires Provincial Committee and a candidate for national deputy, was purged from the Party in mid-December 1949. Power, a physician and surgeon and the Director of the hospital in Villa Ballester (a suburb of Buenos Aires), requested that this action be taken to safeguard his position and to prevent government action against him. He has recently become associated with Peronismo, obviously for the sake of convenience.

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